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North Dakota Department of Health Monitoring Salt Water Release in Billings County

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health has been notified and is monitoring a brine (salt water) release in Billings County. The release was reported by Encore Energy Partners Operating LLC on Oct. 23, 2013.

It is currently estimated that 150 barrels of brine water were released from a disposal site, with some of the brine water reaching Blacktail Creek north of Belfield in Billings County. The spill is located on U.S. Forest Service land and the Forest Service is the lead agency overseeing the clean-up. The Forest Service, Health Department and Encore Energy are evaluating the extent of the release and the most effective methods of remediation.

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